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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: REPRESSION IN IRAN

Editorial in liberal Folha de S. Paulo (12-30) says: "The international repudiation of the Iranian regime's repression, censorship and intimidation has been growing [but] Brasilia remains an exception.....Brazil's Foreign Minister Celso Amorim forgot the mess the Lula administration made in the Honduras' case and now says one should not interfere in Iran's internal matters. It's up to the Iranians to solve its internal conflicts. But evidently it would be desirable that they did it in a peaceful way, without using violence perpetrated by the State. If Itamaraty were not dominated by a militant Manichaeism exhumed from the Cold War, it would be simple to articulate this distinction."

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